

The Chair, Lloyd Sullivan at 7:00pm called the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting to order. Those present included Jenifer Landman, George Lagassa (Selectmen) and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator).

### **Sidewalks at the Intersection of Routes 1 & 111**

*Kelly Parrott*

Ms. Parrott addressed the Board regarding her ongoing efforts to have sidewalks constructed at the intersection of Route 1 and Route 111 (Atlantic Avenue). Ms. Parrott provided a brief synopsis of her efforts to date. She noted that she had spoken with officials from NHDOT regarding the feasibility of the project. NHDOT had agreed to provide pedestrian signaling at the intersection. Ms. Parrott had also spoken with John Corbet from W/S Development regarding actual construction costs and W/S Development's willingness to construct and pay for the sidewalk construction. Ms. Parrott also noted that she had touched base with the TA regarding additional equipment costs associated with sidewalk maintenance. Ms. Parrott had researched the opportunity of submitting a grant to Home Depot for acquisition costs of a Bobcat that would be used to plow the sidewalks. It was noted that there was the necessity of having individual abutters located adjacent to the intersection donating a small amount of land for the sidewalks. Ms. Parrott asked permission of the Board to move forward. Such permission coming from the Board in the form of a letter to W/S Development asking that they incorporate sidewalk drawings in the plans they would be submitting to NHDOT. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to approve Ms. Parrott's sidewalk island project and craft such language as was necessary to W/S Development. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The Board thanked and commended Ms. Parrott for her efforts and tenacity in moving the project ahead.

### **North Hampton Forever Grant Application**

*Phil Wilson*

Mr. Wilson briefed the Board on the North Hampton *Forever* grant application to the Barrett Foundation in the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Wilson explained that the founding members of the Barrett Foundation were from North Hampton. While the foundation did not usually provide grant funding to municipalities they had heard of the project and subsequently had asked that North Hampton *Forever* submit an application for the Foundation's review. Mr. Wilson reported that the Barrett Foundation liked the concept and so asked that a full application be submitted. Mr. Wilson noted that the grant would cover the costs associated with marketing and public outreach (newsletters) that was designed to make people aware of the benefits of the program. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to allow the North Hampton Forever Subcommittee to submit the grant to the Barrett Foundation. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

### **Assessing Certification**

**CANCELLED**

*NH Department of Revenue Administration*

### **Selectmen Issues**

*Street Lights*

The Board reviewed the Street Light Committee's recommendation for additional street lighting at the following locations:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>
Woodland Road	2 Lights
Intersection Maple Rd & Atlantic Ave	1 Light
Intersection Post & Lovering Roads	1 Light
Intersection Atlantic Avenue & Sea Road	1 Light

Ms. Landman made the motion to accept the recommendations of the Street Light Committee. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

*Recreation Commission Appointment*

Ms. Landman spoke of the necessity of having another member on the Recreation Commission. And noted the willingness of Ms. Brenda Worrell to serve as a Recreation Commissioner. Ms. Landman made the motion to appoint Ms. Brenda Worrell as a member of the Recreation Commission. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

*RPC Commissioner Appointment*

Mr. Sullivan noted that the Board had received the resignation of Bill Carlson who had represented North Hampton as one of the two RPC Commissioners. Mr. Sullivan spoke on behalf of Mr. Roland Neves as a viable candidate to fill the position. Ms. Landman spoke of Ms. Kelly Parrott as a viable candidate to fill the position. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to nominate Mr. Neves. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. Ms. Landman made the motion to nominate Ms. Parrott. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to close the nominations. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. Nominations were closed. The vote to nominate Mr. Neves to serve the remaining term of Bill Carlson who resigned was approved two to one. (Messrs. Sullivan & Lagassa **YES** / Ms. Landman **NO**). The vote to nominate Ms. Parrott failed one to two. (Ms. Landman **YES** / Messrs. Sullivan & Lagassa **NO**). Mr. Lagassa made the motion to appoint Ms. Parrott as an Alternate Commissioner. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

*Second Floor Renovations (above the police station)*

Ms. Landman provided a brief synopsis of the renovation issue to date. It was noted that two options had been proposed. One option was to provide a modular office space behind the current Town Office while repairs to the current Town Office were made and a new Highway shed was constructed at the site of the Recycling Center located on Cherry Road. The second option was to move ahead with renovations to the second floor above the police station. It was noted that the current amount of approved funds available to renovate the second floor was not enough to cover the costs of an elevator. The elevator would be necessary to provide ADA accessibility to the second floor. The first option addressed the safety issue of separating emergency vehicle traffic from other traffic. The second option addressed the issue of what specifically was authorized by the voters. The renovation of the second floor, by either option, was a component of a master plan for the municipal complex to meet the current and future working space needs of the North Hampton Organization. It was noted that the current space needs in the Town Office were simply not sufficient for the number of employees in the building. Current space needs programming for the Town Office established a need for 5,000 to 6,000 sqft of floor space. The current Town Office operated in approximately 1,500 sqft of floor space. Mr. Lagassa reasoned that the 3,000 sqft above the police station combined with a renovated Town Office (1,500 sqft) would accommodate current needs. Ms. Landman voiced concern that if money was spent to renovate upstairs and additional money for the elevator was not approved by the voters, the space crunch would not be alleviated. More discussion regarding the pros and cons briefly ensued. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to move ahead with renovation of the second floor above the police station and to have the architect prepare the RFP for the bidding process. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was approved two to one. (Messrs. Sullivan & Lagassa **YES** / Ms. Landman **NO**).

**Questions & Comments**

Mr. Hines spoke once again to the issue of increasing the elderly exemption amounts. Mr. Hines noted that it was now necessary to cost out the increased exemptions to calculate the potential impact on the tax rate. It was noted that exempting property, or exempting a portion of property from the tax rolls did impact the

tax rate because the tax burden was shifted to other taxpayers. Mr. Hines also noted that a public hearing was necessary prior to placing the new exemption amounts on the ballot.

Mr. Larry Miller spoke to the issue of reimbursement of legal costs by the Town for Ms. Judy Day. Ms. Day had incurred legal costs associated with a trespassing complaint filed by Mr. Jim Jones with the North Hampton Police Department. Mr. Miller was unable to explain why his wife (Ms. Day) was charged with criminal trespassing as a passenger in a car that he was the driver of while he was not. Mr. Miller contended that his wife was charged because she was a planning board member and that the Police had arrested an innocent person. Mr. Lagassa asked whether Ms. Day was sued for damages connected with her duties as a planning board member, or if the charges were criminal? Ms. Day expressed her concern that gender issues were at play in this issue, but maintained that volunteers need to be supported (Ms. Day and Mr. Miller were volunteers coordinating a 5k Road Race at the time of the incident). Mr. Miller questioned why the passenger in a car was arrested but not the driver. He expressed his concern about harassment and the necessity of supporting volunteers. Mr. Arena urged common sense. Mr. Lagassa agreed with the necessity of supporting volunteers and agreed that the whole issue of trespassing charges being filed was silly. He also acknowledged that the issue of paying legal expenses is a very dicey one in Town particularly when Ms. Day was not engaged in Planning Board duties. Ms. Day responded that she held no grudge against the town and that it was not necessarily a financial issue. Ms. Day noted that it was extremely difficult to stand-up in front of everyone and confront the issue because it was not a pleasant issue. Mr. Wilson spoke to the issue of perception in regards to ongoing planning board issues surrounding 120 Lafayette Road. One person arrested (passenger) and not the other (driver). Prosecution of the trespassing charges is dropped after the planning board issue at 120 Lafayette Road is resolved. Mr. Wilson contended that someone might draw or paint a scenario that the action (arrest) was politically motivated. Mr. Sullivan noted that the Board would look into the matter. Some passionate debate briefly continued. The Board next moved on to the administrative portion of the meeting.

*Budget Review    Postponed*

**Administration/Business**

Mr. Lagassa made the motion to accept the regular minutes of October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2001. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Minutes - October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2001
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest
- d. CDBG Manifest
- e. Veterans Exemption – Gerald Welch
- f. **Abatement Request (Hardship Relief) – May Stoney**

The Board reviewed Ms. Stoney's financial information regarding her request for abatement. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to abate Ms. Stoney's tax bill for the year. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

- g. Abatement (\$85.28) – Administrative error
- h. Peter Louglin – Kokernak Land Swap (fresh signatures)
- i. **Performance Bond – TSR Realty**

Mr. Lagassa made the motion to accept TSR's performance bond as recommended by the Planning Board. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

- j. Rockingham Nursing Home Admission – Statement of residency
- k. Executive Council Newsletter
- l. Coakley Minutes
- m. Rockingham Nursing Home – Admissions Pending

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n. Legal Settlement Refund – Glen Martin

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister  
Town Administrator